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DECAPITATION WILL FOLLOW BOARD PROBE

Supervisors Investigate Charge
That Hui of Loan-Sharks Is
Gouging City Employees

ALSO ACCUSED OF RUNNING
'BLIND PIG' AND GAMBLING

Retrenchment Given as Reason
for Road Dept. Dismissals
Stated for March 1

That a hui of loan-sharks is engaged in the business of advancing money to laborers employed by the roads department of the city and county, and is also interested in a "blind pig" and certain crap games, was the charge under probe at a secret meeting of the board of supervisors yesterday afternoon, when it began investigation into the affairs and the personnel of the hui.

E. K. Rathbun, city stable foreman, is one of the men mentioned in connection with the hui. Just what part he has had in it is not given out, but it was said today by supervisors that he will be dismissed on March 1. Others who have worked with him in the department may feel the axe as well, due to their alleged connections with the hui.

Supervisor Lester Petrie made the statement this morning that the board would dismiss any employees found to have had a part in the activities of the hui. The probe tended to show, it is said, that the hui is loaning money at a rate of interest of 15 per cent a month, and also that it is interested in the sale of liquor and in running crap or dice games. Stated for Dismissal.

First reports were to the effect that these games were run at the road department's stables, but Supervisor Petrie said that it was brought out yesterday afternoon that they are operated elsewhere. He did not wish to give out the names of any men found to be allied with the hui. He did admit, however, that the name of Rathbun came in, and that Rathbun undoubtedly would be discharged, and he did acknowledge that the name of Road Supervisor Thomas F. Kennedy, the successor of J. J. Smiddy, had been brought up, yet he gave it as his opinion that Kennedy was not one of the hui.

However, Kennedy, according to a well-defined rumor, is slated to go the first of the month and inefficiency is given as the reason. There is no evidence that he is connected with the loan sharks. The rumor was virtually confirmed by different supervisors this morning. Petrie, who is chairman of the roads committee and an active member in pushing the retrenchment movement, while not admitting that Kennedy would be discharged, acknowledged that there were changes to be made in the department.

He said he believes the department can get along with less men, and that it is the intention of the board to try retrenchment.

Most Behind Closed Doors.
"We will try to get along with as few men as possible," he said. "Some say that it will be impossible to reduce the number, but I believe it can be done. We want to cut down in every department to save as much as possible for the roads. The people want good roads, and we want to make good roads. But we need money and the only way we can get it is to cut down our expenses."

He said that the supervisors met yesterday afternoon to go over the expenses of the road department and that they found one or two places where money could be saved. One of these places is said to be at the city stables, where the toolkeeper, whose salary is \$60 a month, is to take the place of Rathbun, who has been getting \$90. At the quarry the blacksmith is to be let out, it is said.

The board has not finished with the department. Other cuts may be made. And more investigation will be made into the operations of the hui.

The supervisors spent five hours yesterday behind closed and locked doors in going over the situation.

**SUPERVISOR PETRIE
EXPECTS GOOD RESULTS
THROUGH PRUNING KNIFE**

Confident that they will be able to prune down the expenses of the city and county, that their retrenchment campaign will be successful, sufficiently so for enough money to be raised for paying Beretania and King streets, the supervisors met yesterday afternoon with L. M. Whitehouse, city and county engineer, when the pruning began.

Until late in the afternoon the supervisors worked over the expenses of the road department, searching for places where savings could be realized, positions which could be done away with. Though their work in this department has not been com-

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Mammoth Massed Band Concert Army Musicians Also Will Participate



Kapellmeister Henry Berger,
Royal Hawaiian Band.



Leslie King, chief musician,
25th Infantry.



John H. Brinley, chief musician
1st field artillery.



Michael A. Quinto, chief musician,
4th cavalry.

PRESIDENT NOW BEST FRIEND OF 'BIG BUSINESS'

Party Lines Expected To Be
Drawn in Placing Anti-
Trust Legislation

By C. S. ALBERT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—A great furor involving all forms and degrees of anti-trust legislation followed President Wilson's verbal message on the subject. Fits of energy and bursts of enthusiasm engulfed all members of Congress, including the Republican stand patters. All seemed to agree that something should be done to supplement the Sherman act and make get-rich monopolies and combinations have more trouble in collecting their tribute from the people. This apparently unanimous feeling made it appear at the outset that non-partisan action might be expected. This will become less self-evident as time passes and the lines are more closely drawn.

It is more than an even bet that in the end the various anti-trust bills will be made party measures through the holding of Democratic caucuses and all the credit for putting the new legislation on the statute books will be taken by the majority party. This proved true of the tariff and currency bills. Past experience has demonstrated that it is easy to talk about nonpartisan legislation but difficult to enact it.

Big Business is fairly well reconciled to the proposed legislation, both as recommended by the President, and set forth in the bills introduced to carry out his suggestions. Whatever opposition develops will come when hearings are held on the points at issue. Captains of Industry and economists of all grades will appear before the Senate and House committees, speaking for and against the pending measures. An opportunity will be then afforded for Big Business to register its protest and start a fight to have modifications made in both branches of Congress. No indication has yet been given as to how far animosity may be aroused and carried in any event opposition is certain to prove futile.

The chief friend of Big Business up to this time is the President himself. He has plainly spoken and declared that no attempt will be made to have any retroactive features adopted, such as squeezing the water from stock already overcapitalized. He antagonizes

Elaborate plans for the musical entertainment of Mid Pacific carnival visitors has been arranged by the members of the committee in charge, in which they have been given every possible assistance by the different musical organizations of the Hawaiian Department of the Army. Besides the Hawaiian band the 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry, 2nd Infantry, 25th Infantry and 1st Field Artillery bands will participate.

The date set for the massed band concert is the evening of February 15, the place being the Palace grounds. Upon this occasion all the above mentioned bands will play under a single leader. Kapellmeister Henry Berger will lead in the opening and closing of the program, while chief musician Quinto of the 4th Cavalry, Brinley of the 1st Infantry, Jacobson of the 2nd Infantry and King of the 25th Infantry will lead the different numbers throughout the program.

Among the musical numbers on the bill are Sousa's marches, Aloha Oe, Carnival Mid-Pacific march, and Star-Spangled banner. The Carnival Mid-Pacific march is a new composition by Captain Berger and the march is reproduced on page nine of this issue.

Following are the different instruments, and their number, that will participate in the massed band:

Flutes, 3; Piccolos, 3; Eb Clarinets, 5; Bb Clarinets, 34; Oboes, 2; Bassoons, 2; Saxophones, 11; Cornets, 25; Alto, 21; Baritone, 7; Trombones, 17; Basses, 12; Timpani, 2; Small drums, 5; Big Drums, 6.

any suggestion that the pending bills be overloaded with all the radical and ultra propositions advanced by near-Socialists and those who desire to have railroads and other concerns affected driven to the wall. He merely wants fair remedial legislation and will discountenance any effort to go beyond that point.

CONTRACTORS' LOSS MAY BE MUCH REDUCED

Rumor Current That Specifications
on Pearl Harbor Dry-
dock Will Be Modified

CHANGE WOULD MEAN
DIVISION OF LOSS

Hawaiian Dredging Co. Hard
Hit and Compromise Would
Be Quite Popular

That the contractors may after all be relieved of a large part of the financial responsibility for the drydock disaster, is the word that has reached Hawaii through unofficial channels. It is stated on good authority that the specifications for construction of the big ship basin are to be slightly changed, in which event the contractors will not face nearly the loss that now confronts them. In any case, the laying off of work for a year, and the destruction of expensive machinery, will be a heavy financial drain on the Hawaiian Dredging Co., so that a sharing of the financial responsibility by the government would be in the line of equity.

Although word of this compromise comes direct from Washington, neither the officers of the Hawaiian Dredging Co. here, nor the navy authorities have received any positive information as to future plans.

"We have heard nothing further than the word to go right ahead according to original specifications, received by cable some days ago," said R. W. Atkinson, of the Hawaiian Dredging Co. this morning. "If there has been any change of specifications, we have not been notified at this end of the line as yet. We started work yesterday, dredging section 5 with the dredger B. F. Dillingham, which was hastily put in commission after the wreck of the Denison. The latter machine is now tied up alongside of the Waterfront wharf, but it is still quite a

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GREAT INTEREST SHOWN IN ANNUAL SUGAR MEETINGS

Reports of Plantation Managers
Not Expected to Be as
Pleasing as Heretofore

SESSIONS COMMENCE ON
NEXT MONDAY MORNING

Retrenchment Policy Expected
To Be Recommendation of
Those at the Helm

Much interest throughout the territory centers this year in the annual meetings of the various sugar corporations, most of which are held this month. A number of them are called for next week beginning with the meeting of the shareholders of C. Brewer & Company, Ltd., Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Most of the plantations represented by Theo. H. Davies & Co., Ltd., now hold their annual meetings in March, and the dates for these have not yet been determined upon. A number of others also hold March meetings.

The reports of the managers of the various plantations this year are not generally expected to be as pleasing as they were the year before and for 1911. Short crops are reported from a large number of properties, due to the almost unprecedented dry weather of the past two years, and this with the very low sugar prices which ruled last year will not be apt to make the best kind of showing in the financial statements.

There will also undoubtedly be reported a very widespread policy of retrenchment, anticipating the effects likely to be experienced with the cutting off of the sugar duty. On the other hand, there is not altogether a discouraging outlook. Most of the plantation properties are believed to be in excellent physical condition, and the outlook for this year's crops are

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GRAFT-FIGHTER OF SEATTLE IS VISITING HERE

Prosecuting Attorney John F.
Murphy Comes to Hawaii
for Needed Rest

John F. Murphy, prosecuting attorney of King county, Washington, and famous as one of the graft-fighters who helped "clean up" Seattle two years ago, is in Honolulu on a recreation trip. Several years of close application to his office and court work have tired him out and he has come to Hawaii with his family for a complete rest of several weeks.

Murphy is a young man, but in a few years he has come to be one of the best known citizens in public life in the Northwest and his conduct in office is such that his friends several times have wished to run him for Congress. He has declined to make the race and probably at the conclusion of his present term of office will take up private practice.

Murphy was prosecuting attorney at the time when Hiram C. Gill, mayor, was driven from office and Charles W. Wapenstein, police chief, was sent to Walla Walla penitentiary convicted of graft. Under Gill and Wapenstein, gambling on a big scale had begun in Seattle and the city was about to be run "wide open." Dr. M. A. Matthews, pastor of the leading Presbyterian church of the city and himself a famous fighter against municipal graft. Prosecuting Attorney Murphy and other prominent citizens went after the erring city officials and "got them." The Burns detective agency was employed and in a short time had secured incriminating evidence against Wapenstein and some of his associates and criminal action was begun.

Under the Seattle charter, the mayor has almost absolute control over the police administration and Mayor Gill was held responsible for the shortcomings of his chief of police, Wapenstein. A "recall election" was held; Gill was recalled from the executive chair and a new mayor, George W. Dilling, elected in his place. Seattle was "cleaned up" in a short time and has remained clean.

In all of this the young prosecuting attorney took an active and successful part.

Just now King county is much interested in good roads and so is Prosecuting Attorney Murphy, upon whose office devolves the duty of handling much of the legal procedure for bond issues and other methods of financing the building of roads. King county is now doing a good deal with brick highways. "We are past the stage of attempting to build roads of macadam," says Mr. Murphy.

Mrs. Murphy and their two children, a boy of three and a girl of four months, are with him. They are guests of the Seaside Hotel.

JAPANESE CONSUL ASKED TO ASSIST IN ALIEN RULING

Initial Step Taken Toward Se-
curing Amendment of
Immigration Law

As the result of a decision reached after several days of investigation on the part of local Japanese interested in the matter, Hachiro Arita, acting consul for Japan in the Hawaiian Islands, will be asked to communicate with Ambassador Chinda at Washington, D. C., with a view to having him take steps toward securing a reconsideration of the ruling regarding domiciled aliens residing in the United States, as handed down recently by the supreme court. Together with the matter of securing a reconsideration, the ambassador will be requested to investigate the feasibility of action toward bringing about an amendment to the immigration laws.

The local Japanese newspapers have taken up the matter of the supreme court ruling quite extensively through the medium of editorial comment, pointing out that the ruling has aroused a question far more serious than that which resulted from the passage of the anti-land bill in California recently. The Hawaii Hochi says:

"The anti-land law passed recently in California will be observed only in that state and will influence only the Japanese and other foreign residents of that state. But the recent ruling of the supreme court with regard to the returning alien residents will eventually affect all foreign domiciles in the United States who may leave the country to visit their old homes and then return again. Suppose the domiciles are excluded on the ground of being afflicted with trachoma or some other disease mentioned in the statutes; this will cause much trouble, especially when the persons excluded are owners of property in the United States. So far as the Japanese are concerned, they are taking the matter very seriously and hope that by some way or another an amendment or alteration may be made for the safety and protection of the Japanese domiciles in the United States. The Japanese of Honolulu intend taking the matter up with the local consul and asking him to request Ambassador Chinda to look into the matter."

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Beets: 88 analysis, 9s 21-4d. Parity, 3.92 cents. Previous quotation, 9s 21-2d.

The Henry Waterhouse Trust Company filed a \$10,000 bond in circuit court today as guardian of the estate of Mary Ann Wharton and Alexander Kanekapu Wharton, minors.

BIG CHANGES PENDING IN ARMY ADMINISTRATION; NEW STAFF CHIEF, WOTHERSPOON

Gen. Funston's Command in South to Take Effect with Elevation of Gen. Tasker H. Bliss to Assistant Chief--Wood to Command Department of East

[Associated Press Cable]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Important changes in the army administration are slated for April 1, when Major-General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, retires from that position. Maj.-gen. W. W. Wotherspoon, now assistant chief of staff, will succeed Gen. Wood, who will take command of the department of the East. General Frederick Funston, just ordered from Hawaii, will probably take command of the Southern department, including the states of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona, with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston. This change will take place when Brig.-gen. Tasker H. Bliss becomes assistant chief of staff to succeed Gen. Wotherspoon.

"Supermilitants" Next; The Violent Campaign Plan Fails

[Associated Press Cable]
LONDON, Eng., Feb. 7.—Signs of serious division among the militant suffragettes became widespread today with an announcement that Sylvia Pankhurst has severed all connection with the Women's Social and Political Union, the main organization under which the violent militant tactics have been carried on. For several years this union has been dominated by the Pankhursts. Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst and her two daughters, Sylvia and Christabel, Sylvia Pankhurst now says that she intends to organize her own force of "supermilitants." Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst is much enfeebled as a result of her numerous "hunger strikes." Christabel is inclined to peace, and many observers of the situation believe the militancy as a feature of the "Votes for Women" campaign is fast crumbling and will soon be abandoned by the leaders.

Mexico City Wild With Rumors Of Uprising Against Huerta

[Associated Press Cable]
MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Feb. 7.—For 24 hours Mexico City has been seething with rumors of a coup d'etat by Huerta's enemies that will force the dictator from the presidency and seat another. The conspirators were to have staged their uprising last night, according to report, but it did not materialize. A number of arrests have been made, mostly of clerks in the executive departments and small business men. It is reported today that 2500 members of the police force are pledged to join a military revolt to take place within a short time. Minister of War Blanquet has taken every precaution to prevent an outbreak and every preparation to resist the coup if it is attempted. Huerta is heavily guarded.

Southern Pacific Asks Leave to Issue \$55,000,000 Bonds

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The Southern Pacific railroad today made application to the state railroad commission for permission to issue \$55,000,000 of five per cent bonds. Of this proposed issue, \$47,000,000 are to be expended in betterments and extensions and the remainder to be used as refunding bonds.

Australia to Spend \$300,000 on Display at 1915 Exposition

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—All fears that Australia might not have a large display at the Panama-Pacific exposition were set at rest today when the exposition management was notified that Australia will spend at least \$300,000 on her participation.

Food Inspection Bureau Goes

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston today issued an order abolishing the department of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the board of food and drug inspection. This board, according to the statements made by the former chief chemist, showed great injustices and incompetency in its handling of the food and drug legislation and inspection under the act.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—By the abolishing of the food and drug inspection bureau, the administration of the pure food law is virtually centered in one man, the chief of the bureau of chemistry, who is now Dr. Carl L. Alsberg. Dr. Wiley's ceaseless contention was that the administration should be so centered.

Fears Felt For Americans

JUAREZ, Mexico, Feb. 7.—The gravest fears are felt for the lives of the six American railroad men believed to be imprisoned since Wednesday in a tunnel wrecked by bandits. The tunnel was wrecked in order to hold up a train that the bandits intended to rob. The robbers set fire to the timbers at the mouth of the tunnel but the train on which the Americans, officials of the Mexican Northwestern, were traveling entered the tunnel and none of the passengers, 35 in all, has been seen since.

Did Steel Trust Accept Rebates

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The interstate commerce commission today began an investigation to determine whether the United States Steel Corporation, or "steel trust," has been accepting rebates contrary to law in the last six years. This charge was made by David Lamar, the Wall Street operator, during the lobby hearings last summer.

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HILO WELCOMES MATSONIA WITH DINNER, TOASTS AND BIG BALL

[Special Star-Bulletin Wireless]
HILO, Feb. 7.—Hilo and the Big Island gave hospitable welcome and lavish entertainment to the Matsonia, Captain Matson and the many passengers on the big flagship, upon her arrival here yesterday, and the entertainment is still in progress. Captain Matson and Captain Saunders, the flagship's skipper, spoke in response to the toasts of welcome and congratulation at the dinner given at the Hilo hotel. All speeches contained high praise for Captain Matson and were reminiscent of his career for the past 30 years. The attendance was nearly 100 and the dinner and toasts were a big success, the program lasting three hours. Tonight at the Hilo hotel there will be a ball in honor of the passengers.